

Good morning committee chairpersons and members. My name is Sean Zier and I am the general manager of The Society Room of Hartford.

I am here to offer testimony in support of Bill # 1196.

I have the privilege of being the first general manager hired by our company in early 2009.

I have witnessed first hand the potential growth of the company from it's early beginnings and have seen many of the goals set forth by the partners come to fruition. I could not think of a better company to be at the helm of a project like this in an effort to create more jobs and more overall growth within the community.

I have been the general manager of both the Riverhouse at Goodspeed Station as well as The Society Room of Hartford and have seen both venues go from relative obscurity to leaders in the private event and hospitality industry. I often tell my clients that our company is offering things that other colleagues in the business are not. We are setting the standard for excellence in our niche of the business world. From weddings to corporate events we continually exceed the expectations for our clients and their guests. I have no doubt that given the opportunity to expand our talents into the arena of hotel management we would offer nothing less than perfection.

The future for The Riverhouse Inc. is limitless and the notion of encompassing new venues and business opportunities has certainly been part of the larger picture from inception of the company. The ambition and potential to take the ideals and principles that have made our current company such a success, and focus that on a new venture, seem to be an idea that has all the makings of a winning concept.

As a leader in our company, I will certainly benefit with the possibility of becoming a junior partner in many of our future endeavors.

Being one of the cornerstones in the early stages of a business is both challenging and fulfilling, and offers the excitement of achieving personal goals and laying out a template for future success. I am honored to be part of such a company and very much look forward to the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

Sean Zier